CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A multi-drawer file cabinet comprising:

a first cabinet including a top surface having a peripheral edge, the peripheral edge of the top surface having a first perimeter, the first cabinet having a drawer opening defined by an edge; and

a second cabinet including a base, the base having a sidewall with a peripheral edge, the peripheral edge of the sidewall having a second perimeter, wherein the second perimeter is larger than the first perimeter, wherein the sidewall of the second cabinet fits around the peripheral edge of the top surface of the first cabinet so that the second cabinet is positioned on top of the first cabinet.

2. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 1, wherein the sidewall includes a top edge, wherein the distance between the top edge and the peripheral edge of the sidewall is equal to the distance between the peripheral edge of the top surface of the first cabinet and the edge of the drawer opening.

3. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 1, further comprising at least one bumper mounted to a lower surface of the base.

4. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 1, further comprising an accessory holder including a base, the accessory holder base having a sidewall with a peripheral edge, the peripheral edge of the accessory holder sidewall having a third perimeter, wherein the third perimeter is larger than a perimeter of a top

surface of the second cabinet so that the sidewall of the accessory holder fits around the peripheral edge of the top surface of the second cabinet

5. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second cabinets further includes an interior casing, an upper shell portion and a rear shell portion.

6. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 5, wherein at least one of the upper shell portion and the rear shell portion has at least one tab extending from a bottom edge, and the base having at least one slot defined therein for accepting the tab.

7. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 6, wherein the upper shell portion has opposing side sections with at least one tab extending from each bottom edge, wherein each of the tabs extend generally inward toward the opposing side section.

8. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 6, wherein the slot includes a fitted groove.

9. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 8, wherein the tab has a mounting hole defined therein, wherein the base has a corresponding mounting hole defined therein, and wherein a fastening mechanism extends between the mounting holes to secure the upper shell portion with the base.

10. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 5, wherein at least a portion of the interior casing is formed of a fire-resistant material.

11. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 5, wherein the base includes a top surface, wherein a lip extends from a top surface of the base to engage a front side of the interior casing.

12. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 5, further comprising a drawer assembly, wherein the drawer assembly includes a front drawer assembly, a frame, and a pair of opposing slide members, wherein the front drawer assembly is coupled with the frame, and the opposing slide members are slidably coupled with the frame to allow the drawer assembly to move relative to the interior casing.

13. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 12, wherein slide members are disposed between a pair of outer tracks formed in the interior casing and a pair of drawer tracks positioned on the frame.

14. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 13, wherein the outer tracks formed in the interior casing each include an outer groove and an inner groove, wherein at least one of the slide members have a stop extending therefrom that extends into the inner groove formed in the interior casing.

15. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 12, wherein a pair of drawer tracks extend from the frame and have slots defined therein, and

wherein each of the slide members have slide tabs that extend into the slots formed in the drawer tracks.

16. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 15, wherein at least one of the slide tabs has a lock slot formed therein, the drawer assembly further comprising at least one clip having a locking tab extending therefrom, wherein the locking tab is positioned within the lock slot.

17. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 16, further comprising an extrusion coupled with at least one of the slide members.

18. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 12, wherein the front drawer assembly includes a drawer head, an escutcheon plate, a drawer front, and a locking mechanism, wherein the drawer head and the escutcheon plate are coupled with the drawer front, and the locking mechanism is positioned within the escutcheon plate.

19. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 18, wherein the locking mechanism includes a cam, and wherein the drawer front has a latching slot formed therein for receiving the cam.

20. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 19, wherein the cam includes an attaching leg, a flat portion, and a locking leg.

21. The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 20, wherein the drawer head includes a ledge positioned below at least a portion of the flat portion of the cam, and wherein the interior casing has a recess formed therein for receiving the locking leg of the cam.

22. A file cabinet comprising:

a housing having an interior compartment accessible through an opening defined in the housing, the interior compartment having a pair of opposing sidewalls with a pair of outer tracks integrally defined therein, each of the outer tracks including an inner groove and an outer groove; and

a drawer assembly including a front drawer assembly, a frame, and a pair of slide members, the slide members being slidably coupled to the frame of the drawer assembly and positioned within the outer tracks of the housing, wherein the slide members have a stop extending therefrom that extends into the inner groove.

23. The file cabinet as recited in claim 22, wherein at least one of the housing and the drawer assembly is formed of a fire-resistant material.

24. The file cabinet as recited in claim 22, wherein a pair of drawer tracks extend from the frame and have slots defined therein, and wherein each of the slide members have slide tabs that extend into the slots formed in the drawer tracks.

25. The file cabinet as recited in claim 24, wherein at least one of the slide tabs have a lock slot formed therein, the drawer assembly further comprising

at least one clip having a locking tab extending therefrom, wherein the locking tab is positioned within the lock slot.

26. The file cabinet as recited in claim 22, further comprising an extrusion coupled with at least one of the slide members.

27. A file cabinet comprising:

a housing having an interior compartment accessible through an opening defined in the housing, the housing having a recess defined therein; and

a drawer assembly slidably positioned within the housing, the drawer assembly comprising:

a drawer front having an escutcheon opening and a latching slot defined therein;

a drawer head coupled with the drawer front, the drawer front having a ledge;

an escutcheon plate positioned within the escutcheon opening, the escutcheon plate having a lock opening defined therein; and

a locking mechanism mounted within the lock opening in the escutcheon plate, the locking mechanism including a cam having a flat portion and a locking leg, wherein at least a portion of the flat portion of the cam is positioned above the ledge of the drawer head when the locking mechanism is in a locked position, and wherein at least a portion of the locking leg is positioned within the recess defined in the housing when the locking mechanism is in the locked position.

28. The file cabinet as recited in claim 27, wherein the cam further includes an attaching leg, wherein the attaching leg is positioned within the latching slot when the locking mechanism is in the locked position.

29. The file cabinet as recited in claim 27, wherein the escutcheon plate includes at least one tab, wherein the locking mechanism has at least one tab recess formed therein, and wherein the tab is positioned within the tab recess.

30. The file cabinet as recited in claim 27, wherein the escutcheon plate includes side support members, wherein at least one holding clip is positioned between the escutcheon plate and the drawer front.

31. The file cabinet as recited in claim 27, wherein at least one of the drawer head and housing are at least partially formed of a fire-resistant material.